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Mansfield Women Die While On Vacation In Cancun

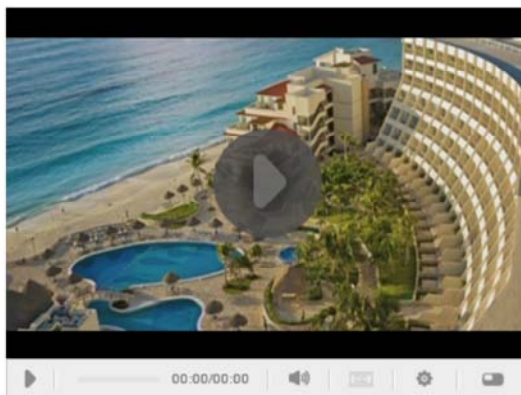
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MANSFIELD (CBS) – Campus police knocked on Brent Doherty’s Clemson University dorm room door to tell him the terrible news. His mom, 54 year old Gail Binmore, was dead.

“There’s no rhyme or reason,” explained the 19-year-old. “There’s no lead-up or any signs of it coming, so that’s been the hardest part about it, just the shock of what happened.”



Donna Batta (L) and Gail Binmore (R) died while on vacation in Cancun

WBZ NewsRadio 1030’s Lana Jones reports

Binmore was with three of her lifelong girlfriends, enjoying a wonderful vacation week at a Cancun resort.

Three of the women went into shallow ocean waters around 10:00 Tuesday night.

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they call a rogue wave, says Binmore's ex-husband Joe Doherty.

Gail, and her good friend Donna Batta, were swept out to sea. as their third friend watched in horror.

"She could see them, she could see the smile on Gail's face and then it just happened," Joe Doherty explains. "She described it as they were there and she could see them, and then they were gone."

Batta's husband Jeff says he was also told the women were pulled out to sea with no warning at all as they walked along shallow seas near their resort.

"It's just unthinkable that this happened," Batta says. "She's been around the edge of water hundreds of times, countless times in her life and i just can't imagine how it happened."



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My thoughts and prayers are with the families through this tragedy. I was actually at the same resort in the same building with these women. My aunt had closed the blinds and saw police with flashlights. We went outside on our patio to see what was going on and saw everything occur after that. I was in complete shock and crying because I cannot imagine how the one friend felt and how the families are dealing with this tragedy. We also saw the women earlier at dinner in the buffet area and they were having a great time together, laughing and enjoying dinner. My thoughts and prayers are with the families through this

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